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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Section 254(e) Self-Certification of
Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Coop, Inc.**

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Office of the Secretary

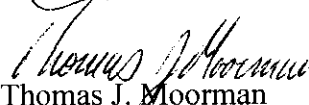
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Coop, Inc. (the "Company"), attached is the sworn affidavit of Levoy Knowles certifying that the Company is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e) and the requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-4,5 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, 16 FCC Rcd 11244 (2001) (the "Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Because the Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, the Company makes this certification directly to the FCC as provided for in paragraph 189 of the Order and 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b).

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administrative Company at its Washington, D.C., offices.

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Moorman

Counsel to
Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Coop, Inc.

cc: Ms. Karen Majcher, Universal Service Administrative Company

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Certification of
Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Coop, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Levoy Knowles, Chief Executive Officer of Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Coop, Inc. (the "Company") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Company;
2. The Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state;
3. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153 (37);
4. The Company is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission; and
5. The Company will utilize its USF disbursements received in 2008 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended.

Signature: Levoy Knowles Date: 9/21/07

Print Name: Levoy Knowles

Title: Chief Executive Officer

State of Tennessee, County of Warren

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Tennessee, on this day personally appeared Levoy Knowles, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Sept., 2007.

My Commission expires 8/31/09.

Patricia D. Boyd
Notary Public

